# POSTAL HEADS PLEASED WITH CHRISTMAS WORK

Usual "Peak" Is Unnoticed by Thousands of Mail

"MAIL BARLY" IS PRACTICED leinis Assert Statistics Will Show tory Handled Smoothly and With

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Officials of the post-office department left their desks tonight convinced tha the American people had begun to practice "mail early for Christmas," While the nearly one-third million ersons in the postal service stag gered under a load which appears when viewed as statistics, to be the largest volume of Christmas mail in history, reports from several thou sand divisional and minor offices showed plainly, it was declared, that the mails had been moved smoothly and with dispatch and, above all without the usual "peak."

Shows Better Conditions. The indication of a great increase in the Christmas mail was viewed as significant by many government of-ficials, who declared it showed a betterment in the nation's economic conditions. It reflected, it was said, better markets, busier factories, fewer unemployed. They believed also it revealed a closer knit Amerihation, for transcontinental as as local mail was beavier. tion was made in the reports of postmasters and railway mail service heads of the higher percentage of registered and insured packages and the tremendous volume of parcel post matter as indicative of the rising tide

As shown by the post-office de-artment charts, mails that could accurately be charged to the Christman period segan to increase in volume about December 19. In the next ten days the flow of greetings and pack-ages continued steadily and, although increasing gradually, it got beyond the capacity of few important post-offices to dispatch or deliver with celerity. Even stormy weather in some sections did not cause what has hitherto been an annual jam in th mails, the reports showed.

# EXPERTS GIVE DECISION

Report of Board of Engineers Dis. redits Allegations As to Road Work in Carolina. The report of a board of engineers

The report of a board of engineers recently appointed to inspect the public highway being constructed by Cheatwood and Driscoll, a Richmond firm of contractors, between Greenwille and Aden, N. C., has just been made public, following a lively controversy between the Richmond men and respresentatives of cement interests. The report not only disthat the five miles of road al-completed proved to be the best ruction they have inspected in observation of public roads in

here from North Carolina yes-ty to spend Christmas week with amily. Mr. Driscoll said that the work is half completed, there be ing five miles more to build. He car I. N. Gold, chairman. Mr. Driscoll said the controversy was thrust upon als concern by hostile interests in to call upon the board of experts for

### CHRISTMAS DAINTIES FOR BLUE RIDGE BOYS

[COLDER much colder today;

rmal temperature for this date ....

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday. Wind direction, southwest; wind ve-louity, 16; highest wind yesterday, 30; weather at 8 P. M., cloudy.

Special Data.

8 A.M. 1 P.M. 8 P.M.
dry bulb. 56 64 65
wet bulb. 52 89 60
nidity ... 80 79 76

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. San Francisco

# COSTS LIVES OF FIVE

TO RICHMOND CONCERN New Disorders Are Reported in Several Sections

of Egypt.

CAIRO, EGYPT, Dec. 24.-Disor-

today six followers of Said Zagloul Pasha, the Nationalist leader forciday, whom Field Marshal Allenby, Egypt, had ordered expelled from

Big Canadian Bank Involved.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The reserve account of the Merchants' fections and Good Things to
Sufferers in Sanatorium.
With Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss as chairman, Christmas boxes of confections and dainties were packed and shipped to the boys in the Blue Ridge Sanatorium by the Service Legion. The contents, consisting of individual fruit cakes, candies, fruits, nuts, Loxes of stationery and cigarettes, were assembled at the home of Mrs. Hotchkiss and a committee Service Legion Sends Boxes of Con-fections and Good Things to Sufferers in Sanatorium.

Bank of Canada, which recently be-came involved in financial difficulties, was impaired to the extent of about

reported to have had large sums of money tied up in farm loans, which were not immediately collectible.

## EVERY SHIP IN U.S. NAVY TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Whether in Home Port or Some Far-Off Oriental City, Cooks of Uncle Sam's Boats Will Provide Turkey and Fixin's for Crew and Native Guests.

[By United News.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Every cent of the crew shore leave for ship's crew in the navy, whether in home port of some far-off Oriental leaves are meted out on the fifty-fifty WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Every city, proposes to observe Christmas in the regulation navy style, which includes the role of the good Samari-tan to the children in every port, as well as turkey and fixin's for crew and native guests.

and native guests.

In Washington, Captain Holmes and the crew of the President's yacht, the Mayflower, will set the pace for the rest of the navy. They have invited fifty of the capital's children to come aboard and share in the big Christmas tree and big dinner.

At Quantico, the marines are guarding against any empty stockings for the kiddles in their territory.

Typical of ships at anchor programs is the colebration planned by the officers and men of the battleship wyoming at New York. Two hundred poor children, names provided by the Red Cross, will be entertained on board and will be richer by a sweater, top coat, pair of shoes or gloves when the show is over.

If a ship is at sea, the day is hallowed by brilliant decorations.

If a ship is at sea, the day is hallowed by brilliant decorations, smokars, boxing matches, movies and a sinner all paid for out of the Christmas fund to which every man aboard sontributes from the admiral to the messboy. When ships are in yards bridge

or stations, skippers allow 75 per plan-one-half for Christmas and the other half for New Year's Day.

WOLF—Died, Saturday, December 24, 1921, at 6.45 P. M., at her daughter's residence, 611% South Pine Street, Mrs. Nettie Wolf, in her 83rd year. She is survived by five children, two sons—F. A, and John Wolf, and three daughters, Mrs. Margie Turner, Mrs. Carrie Clark and Mrs. Henrietta Koch. Funeral Mönday afternoon at 3 o'cleck from the residence. Burlal will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

In loving remembrance of your dear mother, Mrs. Nettie Wolf:

She little thought when leaving home That she would no'er return; That she so soon in death should sleep, And leave us here to mourn.

I stood beside your dying bed As long as I could stay, It was too hard for me to stand And see you pass away. By the Family. CLASSIFICATION HAND BAG-

wal-shaped black and antaioling check and Reward and no 1728 Floyd Avenue. Lost, Christmas Evo. d botween Ninth Street

# CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS ORIGINATED IN ENGLAND

and North British Always Enter Heartily Into Spirit of Yulotide.

> RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE Britain, Revelry Reigned, Abundnnce of Food Was Furnished to

From very earliest days England entered most heartily into Yuletide observance. In the time of the Ceits it was principally a religious observance, but soon mirth was added.
With the coming of the Saxons to
England, higher revely reigned. In
the center of the half upon the open
hearth, blazed a huge fire, the colan opening in the thatched root. The

The table stretched along one sid The table stretched along one sid of the room and up and down its length the guests were seated in couples. Soon the servers entered carrying long from spits on which they brought pieces of the meats, fish and fowis that had been roasted. There was an abundance of food, for the Saxons were great exters. The gardens furnished pienty of vegotables.

As business was not pressing in those days, the Saxons could well afford to spend hours at the feast, Games were in order after the mea was finished. The games were the same as are played today. In the evening, long candlesticks were lighted and fastened into sockets along the sides of the wall. Huge bonfires burned out of doors.

Greater comforts and luxuries were acquired by the Saxons when King Alfred was on the throne. Yule was celebrated with great gomp. Walls were hung with rich tapes-tries, food was served on gold and silver plates, and tumblers often were of gold and silver, too.

The magnificence of the Yuletide observance is said to have reached its height in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Christmas was kept with great joility. The huge Yule log was rolled in the spacious hall amidst song and merriment. Hoping to receive good luck, each member of the family, seated in turn upon the log. If good luck was to attend the household during the ensuing twelve months, it was hellowed the hold during the ensuing twelve months, it was believed that a piece should be left over with which to start the next year's fire.

The feudal system gave scope for much magnificence at the Yuletide. In 1846 Sir Henry Cole is said to have originated the idea of sending in churches and families, but no

# TRANSFER OF BOILER

family reunions and social gather

Transfer to Richmond Car
Works, Inc.
At a special meeting of the board
of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning
at 11 o'clock resolutions were adopted at 11 o'clock resolutions were adopted requesting the United States Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation to transfer the boiler plant in South Richmond, built by the government during the war, to the Richmond Car Works, Inc., a corporation duly chartered to take over the prop-

ettes, were assembled at the home of Mrs. Hotohkiss and a committee consisting of Mrs. G. T. W. Kern, Mrs. W. B. Newell, Mrs. J. K. Bowman. Mrs. H. L. Lorraine, Mrs. Archer L. Richardson, Mrs. C. W. Harlan, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges and Miss Katherine P. Evans arranged and packed the gifts.

In addition to this, the Service Legion provided Christmas baskets for the families of two ex-service men and one man out of employment.

money tied up in farm loans. Which was bid in by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict to day received the members here of the College of Cardinals, headed by Cardinal Vanutelli, its dean, who presented His Holiness with an address from the college. In reply, Pope Benedict addressed the Cardinals in words appropriate to the season.

Captain Riddle Transferred. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Captain Villiam K. Riddle was detached today from duty at the Norfolk navy yard and assigned as assistant com-mandant of the Fifth Naval District, which includes the States of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland.

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Yuletide Greetings

wishes go out to our many customers and friends for

their valued patronage and courtesies extended us, and

A MERRY XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

THE JEWELER, 208 East Broad Street. 

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At this happy season of the year our heartiest good

## DONATES WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME IN FOOTHILLS OF BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made here tought the Army and Navy Union that Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould, of Washington and New York, will denate 1,500 acres of land in the foothills of the Blue Bidge Mountains, within 150 miles from Washington, to the Army and Navy Union for a national widows' and orphans' home

An endowment fund of \$3,000,000 will be raised in the early part of 1923 to build and maintain the home, which will be for widows and orphans of soldiers, sailors and marines of all American wars, the an-

Formal official announcement of the gift will be made by Mrs. Gould on January 4, when she will be in Cincinnati as the guest of the Army and Navy Union and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce

## GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO PARENTS IS THEIR BOY

Virginia Executive Orders Release of John C. Page, Eighteen, From Henrico Jail-Father of

# NEXT YEAR IS OPTIMISTIC GREETINGS TO

Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Visitors at Washington Speak Cuts Rediscounts Dur-

IBy Associated Press.1

petent authorities regarding the outlook in finance, trade and commerce dustrial companies recently in arand general enhancement of bond values are some of the substantial or constructive incidents of the past few

reduction of rediscounts by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank was ac-

cant feature was the fact that stocks were most active when strong and very apathetic when the forces of reaction were in control. Dealings in tooks were subordinated to the tendy inquiry for bonds. Although the try issues and some of the foreign war bonds occasionally were heavy, the ease with which new underwritings were disposed of sug-gested that January interest and gested that January interest and dividend payments were confidently anticipating new channels of invest-

of Commerce Directors Ask low ebb. In the oil industry con solidations of various minor com panies are under discussion.

Bankers believe the turn into 1999 will be accomplished without serious disturbance to domestic credits. They are less hopeful, however, as to foreign exchanges which, in their

City Dredge Digging Channel.

City Dredge Digging Channel,
The city dredge is digging a channel fifteen feet deep for the wharf on
the south side of James River occupied jointly by the Standard and
Texas Oll Companies. Both concerns anticipate bringing all gasoline and oil to Richmond by barge instead of by tank car, greatly reducing freight costs. Directors of stead of by tank car, greatly reduc-ing freight costs. Director of Public Works Allen J. Saville, who has in-stigated the deepening of the chan-nel at this point, says the work done by the city dredge this year would show a great increase over the past year notwithstanding the fact it has been laid up for two months (e.g., passed on the buildings is estimated at \$100,000, and their contents at \$300,-600, fully covered by insurance. een laid up for two months for re

Sunday School Cantata Tuesday.
A musical cantata, "The Night Bepre Christmas," will be presented Visiting at the Jefferson.

Misses Bell and Nannie Larrick, of Lexington, are at the Jefferson for the week.

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Optimistically of Work Accomplished. [By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Heads the foreign delegations participating American people.

The delegation chiefs, one and all, took occasion to speak most optimis- CHIPPEWA-QUEENSTON tically of the achievements of the way to a new era in international relationships developed by the confer-

Koo, Alfred Sze and Chung Hul nesday. Representatives of the Ca-wang, joined in one statement, and the Japanese delegation, issued a statement to newspaper men in which them, but to the people of the United 1914. States. The expression of the British delegation was embodied in a state ment issued last night by its chief, Arthur J. Balfour

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Phil Honeywood, youngest son of the late Sir John William Honeywood and nephew of the Earl of Deven, of money, near his home at Woodeliff money, near his home at Woodeliff Lake, N. J., last night. Brief statement.

Negotiations now in progress point to numerous mergers by secondary industrial interests in the early months of the new year. Acquisition of American Brass by Anaconda Copper is likely to be followed by the amalgamations in the steel and motor trades, where conditions now the subjects of elocuments made by Mr. Honeywood that a man, who had asked for a ride in his automobile turned bandit, struck him with a slingshot, then bound and robbed him. Mr. Honeywood managed to free himself and make his way to a house, where he fell unconscious.

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> Girl Reserves Ald Bethany Home The high school club of Girl Re serves will give stockings brimfull of fruits and gifts to the inmates at Bethany Home today. The girls, who are under the supervision of the Y. W. C. A., have planned the entire affair without aid, appointing committees to collect the money, purchase the supplies necessary and all the stockings. the stockings.

\$400,000 Fire Rages in Wilson.

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 24 .- Fire start ng in the automobile department of the Hackey Brothers' buggy manu-facturing plant here about 5 o'clock this morning completely destroyed two three-story buildings and about 125 automobiles stored in them. The

# CHRISTMAS GREETING

American Legion Commander Wishes Speedy Recovery and Happiness.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- The following Christmas message to "the Disabled Ex-Service Men of America" was issued today by National Commander Hanford Macnider in the name of the American Legion: "To you men who are fighting the

brave fight against the effects of service of our country, the Heeding the piea of an aged father, augmented with recommendations signed by Commonwealth Attorney W. W. Beverley, H. S. Sunday, justice of the peace, and Sherig.-W. W. Sydnor, Governor Westmoreland Dahr C. Page, is years of age, released from the Henrico County Jail.

A. M. Page, the father, who for thirty years has conducted a fruit stall in the Old Market, has labored hard to raise his children minus the care of the mother, who died ten years ago.

The youth was convicted on his own testimony on a miedemeanor of the family circle for Christmas and the days to come the family circle for Christmas and the days to come the family circle for Christmas and the days to come family always be first on the French freighter Yolande.

French freigh

Fight the Moor.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Decision
the Spanish government to release Americans serving in its foreign le-gion, as announced in cable dispatches from Madrid, followed representations by the State Department in behalf of American youths who had enlisted to fight the Moor, it was learned

Announcement of the decision of in the armament conference trans-mitted through the Associated Press tonight Christmas greetings to the nounced here several days ago by the Spanish ambassador.

# POWER CANAL FINISHED

turned into the reeks.

These are offset or neutralized in Sarraut spoke for France, Senator tarlo Hydroelectric Commission at a measure by reduced exports, a Schanzer for Italy, and Jonkheer von development of produced increase of business failures and the slackening of producing in three Chinese delegates, Wellington erating plant will begin next Wedsteel and iron, with further price reest power plant.

statement to newspaper men in which he extended greetings not only to progress on the power project since

### NOTED EDUCATOR DIES AT HOME IN BOSTON

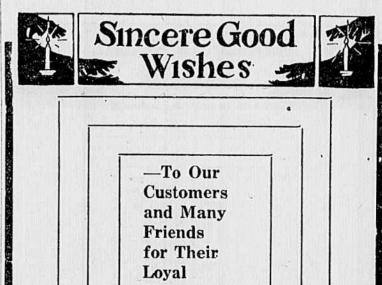
(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON Dec. 24.—Samuel Silas former instructor in oratory at Har-

a city farm at its meeting Tuesday night. Though no report has been filed by the committee it has in-spected several available sites. It is said the committee unanimously favors establishment of a city owned and operated farm, but the prac-ticability of operation yet remains a problem which it is expected will be solved at Tuesday's meeting

Seeks \$15,000 for Injuries.

Alleging injuries sustained aboard a trolley at Broad and Shafer Streets were due to negligent operation, Mary Sandys Hutton brought suit yesterday in Hustings Court, Part II., against the Virginia Railway and Power Company. She asks \$15,000 for her injuries, claiming that after



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## Ten-Year-Old Boy Views Big Battle

Joe Dickerson, Stowaway, Sees Yanks Lick Huns.

Little Joe Dickerson, of St. Louis, Mo., was 10 years old when he wit-nessed a perade of troops four years by friendly doughboys, arrived in Newport News and stowed away on the transport President Grant in a barracks bag. He witnessed the great offensive

et Chatean Thierry, and was at Ver

the joyous, happy and enthusiastle Christmas spirit of boyhood. When Hall to view the giant spruce tree, virtually sagging in protest at the more gorgeous decorations, their eyes shone with that same delightful expression of boys, anxious lest they verlook a single detail.

Each of them had written Santa, stating his wants, and when Old St. Nick himself appeared on the stage to present the gifts their enthe Madrid government made no ref-erence to the return of the bonus a present for every one, ranging paid those soldiers on enlistment, and from jackknives to sweaters. The vested boys' choir of St. John's Epfscopal Church sang Christmas carols as the veterans were at supper in the dining-room, It was an impressive sight.

The party was staged by Lee Chap-The party was staged by Lee Chapter. Daughters of the Confederacy.
The idea was originated and developed to its success by Miss Emma Wilson Morriss, who was chairman of the committed in charge. Miss Mortiss was assisted by the following:

Issued for the Cuntanamo Bay, January 3. Orders to the Pacific Fleet have not yet gone forward.

The new superdreadnought Maryland, designated as the tactical flaging of the United States Fleet, ss was assisted by the following: Mrs. R. S. Brock, Mrs. Russell Chelf, Campbell.

# CHRISTMAS MUSIC TO BE SUNG HERE TODAY

Old-Time Carols Given Conspicuous Place on All

Come." "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and other old favorites will feature many of the programs Perhaps one of the most striking

The King That Was and the King That Was Not" is the title for the pageant, which was written by Dr. W. Russell Bowle, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, several years ago. A majority of the characters will be represented by children of the Sunday school. Old Christmas carols will be sung during the pageant.

### TO ABANDON JOINT FLEET MANEUVERS

lantic and Pacific in Interest o Economy.
[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, scheduled for February in Panama Bay, probably will be it was indicated today at the Navy Department. Separate drills will be held by the fleets, orders having been issued for the Atlantic unit to pro-ceed to Guantanamo Bay, January 3

Mrs. Bascom Rowlett, Mrs. Lee Roden, Mrs. B. V. Sycle, Miss Helen Eggleston, Mrs. Kratz, Mrs. Frank George Bryan, Miss Bessie Jackson, Mrs. C. W. Morriss, Mrs. Betty Ingles, Mrs. Columbia, formerly the liner Great Monroe Johnson, and Miss Ruth Campbell. New York Navy Yard.



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